

## **An Update From Congressman Clay Shaw**

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## Clay Shaw is working to preserve and protect Social Security.

Cince 1983, Social Security has been running a surplus. That means Othat Social Security has been taking in more money in taxes each year that it pays in benefits.

The surplus is supposed to be set aside in a trust fund to pay Social Security benefits in the future. But for years, the government has been borrowing money from the Social Security Trust Fund to pay for other government programs.

So instead of money, the Trust Fund is full of IOUs the government will have to repay. But its money the government doesn't have.

## **Stop spending the Trust Fund**



Congressman Clay Shaw is working to stop the government from taking money from the Trust Fund. He believes we should be using the surplus to guarantee retired Americans get the benefits they worked so hard for.

Clay Shaw is supporting legislation that would force the government to stop spending the Social Security Trust Fund. Under this legislation:

- Social Security taxes would only be used for Social Security
- The government would not be allowed to spend Social Security dollars on other programs

If no changes are made to the current Social Security system, the surplus will run out in 2018. But if the surplus is already used up by the government, then the government will have to raise taxes, cut benefits—or both.

It's time to stop taking money from Social Security and ensure Americans have the peace of mind that their benefits will be protected for retirement.

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